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SUBJ: REUTERS REPORT ON ASAHAN PROJECT AGREEMENT

1. REUTERS STORY FROM TOKYO CARRIED IN JAKARTA PRESS AUGUST 30 REPORTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOREIGN CONSORTIUM AND GOI ON "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" OF ASAHAN HYDROELECTRIC AND ALUMNIMUM PLANT PROJECT IN NORTH SUMATRA.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, AGREEMENT REACHED IN TOKYO AUGUST 28 BETWEEN GROUP OF FIVE JAPANESE FIRMS AND GOI NEGOTIATERS. SPOKESMAN FROM JAPANESE GROUP CITED AS SOURCE OF REPORT SAID AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 480,000 KWH \$US190 MILLION POWERPLANT AND US\$300 MILLION ALUMNIMUM SMELTER WITH 225,000 TON ANNUAL CAPACITY. SOURCE SAID KAISER AND ALCOA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN ALUMNIMUM PROJECT, WHICH WOULD TAKE SIX TO SEVEN YEARS TO BUILD AFTER CONTRACT SIGNED.

3. REPORT DID NOT INDICATE IF PRINCIPLES HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON FINANCING TERMS. JAKARTA
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ALCOA OFFICIAL QUERIED BY EMBOFF SAID HE DID

NOT KNOW WHETHER REPORT TRUE OR NOT, BUT
CONFIRMED THAT INDONESIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM
NOW IN TOKYO.

4. IF EMBASSY TOKYO HAS FURTHER INFORMATION
ON THIS REPORTED "AGRREMENT" WE WOULD APPRECIATE
DETAILS.
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